

## DEMOCRATS FIGHT IT OUT.

### Hot Time at Hartford Last Night and To-Day.

#### THE PARKER MEN IN THE LEAD.

**Some of the Old Liners at Convention Engage in Heated Arguments—Attorney Kennedy Chosen for Permanent Chairman But Declined—Hearst Men Minority Reports—Thoms Beaten in Caucus for Delegate to St. Louis.**

Convention Hall, Hartford, May 6.—The committee on resolutions went into session at 9 o'clock, and a contest developed as soon as the resolutions drawn up by Messrs. Waller, Cummings and Burr had been read. The resolutions simply recommended instruction of the delegates and the adoption of the unit rule. Lawrence J. Gill, of Bridgeport, objected to the word "instruct" and moved that it be struck out. Several delegates took the floor and spoke for and against the motion, which was defeated 19 to 11.

Notice was given that a minority resolution would be presented to the convention. The committee then adjourned.

The seventh senatorial district also met to select a member of state central committee, a matter postponed from last night. M. F. Myers of Canton was chairman and W. A. Seymour of Granby clerk. Seven candidates were in the field, but after two ballots the number was cut to three, and on the third ballot, M. E. Broderick of Thompsonville was chosen. The third ballot was: M. E. Broderick of Thompsonville, 19; J. E. O'Neil of Windsor Locks, 10; F. E. Conlon of Canton, 3.

In the meeting of the minority members of the committee on resolutions, a contest developed because several delegates wanted Mr. Hearst's name mentioned and reference to organized labor incorporated. Considerable, however, but not so much as the majority, who were in the field, but after two ballots the number was cut to three, and on the third ballot, M. E. Broderick of Thompsonville was chosen. The third ballot was: M. E. Broderick of Thompsonville, 19; J. E. O'Neil of Windsor Locks, 10; F. E. Conlon of Canton, 3.

While committees were in session the unemployed delegates began to fill the Auditorium.

The attendance of spectators was as large as the balcony quarters could well accommodate.

It became known on the floor prior to the opening of the convention that the committee on permanent organization had selected William Kennedy of Naugatuck for permanent chairman, instead of Judge DeForest. Investigation showed that the Hearst men had bought the Parker men napping and that the committee meeting had been attended by only twenty-one members.

The vote for Mr. Kennedy for chairman had been passed 11 to 10. Mr. Kennedy announced that he was unwilling to act as permanent chairman, but his friends brought pressure to bear to influence him to an acceptance.

Mr. Kennedy insisted on declining, however, and asked that ex-Congressman DeForest be named.

At 10:30 a spirit of impatience became evident in the convention. E. C. Benedict of Greenwich and Alexander Troup of New Haven had a conference at the stage and three cheers were given them, which they gracefully acknowledged by bows.

The tedious delay was due to a controversy in the meeting of the committee on credentials over the seating of delegates and it was 11 o'clock when temporary Chairman DeForest called the meeting to order and called for a report of the committee on credentials. The committee report was supplemented by a minority report submitted by James E. Miller of New Haven.

The minority report stated that the committee had agreed in the seating of all delegates except three who were from Salem, Groton, Canterbury and North Branford.

A motion was made to adopt the minority report.

Mr. Swartout of Stamford took the floor and explained that the state central committee yesterday had the delegates jointly representing Groton and Canterbury half a vote to each member and seated them, but admitted two contestants from Salem in preference to the regular delegation.

Much verbal dispute between the delegates followed, the chairman repeatedly banging the desk with his gavel to maintain order. Mr. Troup recognized, made the point that the motion was not germane to question, minority. He held the report is before the house.

The chairman then stated the motion was before the house to accept the report of the minority as it differs from the majority. More delegates took the floor to speak on the question, C. L. Avery of Groton finally being allowed to make a statement regarding the Groton delegation. He pleaded for fair play equally to the Parker men and to the Hearst men.

The name of Mr. Hearst was received with hearty applause. Mr. Mahan of New London stated that all the facts in regard to the contest were thoroughly threshed out yesterday. He said that Mr. Troup visited the office of State Commissioner Comstock in regard to the delegation.

quiet was restored Alexander Troup took the floor and said: "I had hoped that the democrats of New London would be allowed to wash their dirty linen and to hang it out on the line without bringing it into the convention."

Chairman De Forest had hard work to control the delegates. There was an uproar for several minutes and then Mr. Gunn made the point of order that there was no such thing as a previous question in a democratic convention. Mr. Troup suggested a rising vote and his motion was seconded. The chairman stated the question again and the Hearst men stood up. Those who opposed the Hearst men were in the majority by nearly two to one and the motion was lost.

Former Governor Waller took a position on the platform and read the majority report of the committee on resolutions. A great cheering prevailed and the building shook with the applause. By request Secretary Thomas read the minority report, which was as follows:

We, the representatives of the democracy of the state of Connecticut, in convention assembled, offer as a minority resolution the following:

Resolved, That the delegates elected by this convention to the democratic national convention to be held at St. Louis July 6, 1904, shall go as unpledged delegates, believing that an unpledged delegation better represents the best interests of the democratic party.

Signed by John Doughan of New Haven, chairman; John J. O'Neil of Bridgeport, secretary.

There was prolonged cheering by the Hearst men.

In the debate in regard to the adoption of the resolutions and during a period of uproar, former Governor Waller and Dr. Brothers of New Haven almost came to blows. Other delegates almost precipitated mix-ups of their own and confusion prevailed. The scene was unprecedented in any convention ever held in this state.

A score of Hearst men tried to talk ex-Governor Waller down. He came to and fro before the delegates and said that he would talk down any delegate who would pop up while he had the floor. Instantly delegates were on their feet on all sides of the house, but it was difficult to find out what they wanted. It was five minutes before order was restored.

Then Mr. Waller was recognized and he moved the adoption of the previous question. The storm broke loose again. The ex-governor pushed Dr. Brothers from where he had walked during the confusion.

"I first voted for you, Mr. Waller," the doctor said.

"You began right," was the ex-governor's rejoinder.

Brothers: "I have been very sorry ever since and have wanted to wash the sin away."

Taller: "Go and commit suicide."

There was another uproar and the police made their way to the scene of the battle and the argument was stopped.

The motion for the adoption of the minority report was defeated by a vote of 306 to 186. This showed that the Parker men nearly doubled in number than the Hearst delegates.

The majority report was then taken up and passed as follows:

We, the representatives of the democracy of the state of Connecticut, in convention assembled advise and instruct the delegates elected by this convention to the democratic national convention to be held at St. Louis, July 6, 1904, to act and vote as a unit in all matters arising in the said national convention in accordance with the will and majority of said delegates and we further advise and instruct said delegates to support in the national convention the candidacy of Judge Alton Brooks Parker of New York for president of the United States.

votes while Mr. Cummings received 331. B. F. Mahan, mayor of New London, was then elected by acclamation as the other delegate at large. The name of Newton Phillips of Killingly was proposed by Mr. Troup, but Mr. Phillips withdrew it.

Chairman Waller's resolution in regard to the reorganization of the state central committee was amended so that the committee which will be elected, will hold office until January 1, 1907.

The following is the resolution in full:

Whereas, at the meeting of the state central committee held in New Haven, March 14, 1904, it was voted to recommend to the state convention held at Hartford May 5 and 6, 1904, that the state central committee be reorganized according to the new senatorial districts:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by this convention that the state central committee be reorganized, and that the same shall consist of 35 members, one member from each new senatorial district as now constituted in accordance with the act of the general assembly of 1903.

Signed by John Doughan of New Haven, chairman; John J. O'Neil of Bridgeport, secretary.

After giving votes of thanks to the officers and others, the convention adjourned at 3:08.

Hartford, May 6.—Preliminaries to the permanent organization from democratic state committee were practically all arranged early to-day, although several committees of the temporary convention did not recess until nearly daylight. The great majority of the 600 state delegates were unaware when they went to bed, after taking part in county and congressional district caucuses which had been held at various places, just what strength in the aggregate either Judge Parker or William H. Hearst could show in the convention proper.

It was not until the reports of all the county caucuses had been made up that it was definitely known that Parker delegates had won eleven of the twelve caucuses and that Alexander Troup of New Haven had controlled his own county caucuses by a mere ten votes, when he had claimed a big margin. After the caucuses attempts were made to call a session of the committee on permanent organization, credentials and resolutions, and the new state central committee, but in no instance was a quorum obtained. This made it necessary for more than one-fourth of the delegates to get up in order to prevent a session of the convention. Some of the veteran party leaders, however, by sacrificing their sleep, got matters into shape by drafting the reports with the expectancy that their work would be approved by other committee men.

National Committeeman Homer S. Cummings and former Governor T. H. Waller of New London, for the committee on resolutions prepared the recommendations that the state convention instruct its delegates to vote for Parker at St. Louis and to vote as a unit.

All the county caucuses were lively affairs and in one that of Hartford blows were struck and a few drops of blood spilled. The Hearst men on finding themselves in a minority resorted to obstructive tactics, and the same thing was done by the Parker men in New Haven county, which the Hearst men controlled. The congressional district caucuses were a little quieter, but the Hearst men in each instance were aggressive until roll calls had shown that they were losers. Mr. Troup being a candidate for delegate at large did not contest Louis B. Fisk of Branford for district delegate in the county caucus.

After the rather tame proceedings of last night's session of the convention, when delegates and spectators had been keyed up to expect turbulence, delegates were disposed to analyze the results as indicative of a short and quiet convention, unless Mr. Troup should be disposed to fight the adoption of the unit rule in the event of the convention confirming the selection of James E. McCabe of Cheshire as the county delegate.

Out of the twelve delegates to the St. Louis convention chosen last night by the delegates to the democratic state convention in session in Hartford, only one is known to be for Hearst. In the joint caucus of Hartford and Tolland counties, ex-Mayor Sullivan won out against William F. O'Neil. Harry C. Dissell of West Hartford was selected by the Hartford county caucus, and although there was a rumor that Mr. Dissell is a Hearst man, acquaintances positively denied it. New Haven county selected James E. McCabe, who was the choice of the Hearst men in the caucus.

LAST DAY OF CONVENTION.

Boston, May 6.—This was the last day of the convention of the Daughters of the Revolution and the delegates, many of whom have come from distant parts of the United States, spent the closing hours in sightseeing. There were excursions to various New England historic points and many "tours" of this city under expert guides. The business sessions of the convention were finished Wednesday.

SEVERE HAIL STORM.

Beaumont, Tex., May 6.—The Sun-set limited of the Southern Pacific has encountered a severe hail storm near Welch, La. All of the windows on one side of the train were shattered and the lattice work was splintered by the hail stones. Passengers were panic stricken. Several of them were cut about the face and one was seriously injured.

ACCEPTED LIFE SENTENCE.

Chicago, May 6.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Louisville, Ky., says Curtis Jett, who murdered J. B. Marcum in the court house of Breathitt county, has accepted a life sentence rather than face a new trial.

PROTRACTED DROUGHT.

Las Vegas, N. M., May 6.—A protracted drought in northern New Mexico has been broken by copious showers. Less than a half inch of rain or snow had fallen previously during eleven months.

## CAUGHT IN THE MINE Fire in the Locust Gap Slope.

### Men at Work Were Unable to Get Out—A Rescuing Party Has Been Organized and is at Work.

Shamokin, Pa., May 6.—Fire which broke out late last night in the Locust Gap slope operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co. is still raging fiercely. John and Michael Bogan and Michael Shannon of Locust Gap, who were in the mine when the fire started, were unable to reach the surface and the rescuing party is at work endeavoring to reach the entombed men.

Locust Spring breaker, which prepared the Locust Gap coal for market, was forced to shut down, rendering over 1,000 men and boys idle.

#### COURAGEOUS WOMAN

**Cause of Thief's Capture—He Had \$3,000 Worth of Jewelry.**

New York, May 6.—A courageous woman with a revolver has brought about the capture of a thief in the Bronx upon whose person was found a cache of \$3,000 together with stolen promissory notes for \$2,000.

The heroine was Mrs. Daly, sister-in-law of a New York merchant. The latter and his wife were absent when Mrs. Daly visited one of the bedrooms where her sister's child lay asleep. She noticed a package reaching the family jewel casket and catching up a pistol chased him into the street. A dozen patrolmen joined the chase and, under Mrs. Daly's lead, they surrounded the thief in a vacant lot. After considerable parley he surrendered under threats of being shot to death.

Every pocket in his clothing was filled with fine jewelry, evidently the proceeds of several burglaries.

#### IN FRONT OF A TROLLEY.

New York, May 6.—A middle-aged man threw himself in front of a trolley car in Jersey City to-day. The car was proceeding slowly, and the man, who carried only a harmless push from the fender. He made a determined effort to get away from several policemen, but was finally bound hand and foot and taken to the Jersey City hospital. The doctors said that alcoholism appeared to be his chief trouble. Papers found in his pocket indicate that he is James E. Young of Boston. There was no address.

#### SERVED WITH SHERIDAN.

St. Paul, Minn., May 6.—Captain James A. Campbell is dead at Fort Snelling, aged 60 years. He served as a volunteer scout with General Sheridan during the Civil war and is said to have been a hero in the battle of Winchester. He served on General Brooke's staff during the Spanish-American war.

#### CITY NEWS

American band prom at Auditorium to-morrow evening. All popular music. Program in another column.

An engine at Benedict & Burnham's factory broke down this forenoon and a result several of the hands are idle.

To-day is Arbor day. It was not celebrated in any special manner by Waterbury people, few trees being planted. No trees were planted by the public schools, as School Inspector Tyrell does not think that this is the proper time to plant trees.

The grounds about the High school are being beautified by the planting of rows of shrubbery about the edge of the lawn parallel with the sidewalks. This serves somewhat as a fence. The school department has a quantity of shrubbery on hand which will be planted in different school yards.

At the whist party and dance which will be given in City hall to-night by the Young Ladies' sodality of St. Thomas's church, whist will be started promptly. All persons who desire to play whist are requested to be occupying seats at the different tables at 8:15. Go early and avoid the rush.

A pleasant surprise party was held last evening at the home of Timothy Garren of 223 Cherry street. During the evening William Kunkle, during a number of violin selections, Laura Moran and Lottie Hodgkinson sang, accompanied on the piano by Miss Josie Butler. Refreshments were served, and the party broke up at a late hour.

Town Clerk Blair said this afternoon that about half the number of dogs in town are registered. This means that something in the neighborhood of 200 canine owners are still to be heard from, and whether they will wait to have a constable call upon them or pay voluntarily remains to be seen.

The Rev. Vincent Dillon whose whereabouts a few days ago caused some apprehension among his friends returned to town last evening and this morning had a consultation with his attorney, Porter L. Wood, regarding his case against Constable Lannen for false arrest and imprisonment. The case lost its place on the assignment list on account of his absence from town and it is unknown now when it will be heard.

People living west of the river on West Side Hill and Watertown road will probably be out of water all day to-morrow, Saturday. The six-inch main on West Main street is to be replaced with a twelve-inch. While this is going on arrangements have been made to get water through the Brass Mill yard. In this way water will be shut off for only a few hours at a time instead of for several days.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for Connecticut: Fair to-night and Saturday; warmer on coast Saturday; light easterly winds.

## FRATERNAL. Report on Condition of Insurance End of Societies Given to Governor.

Hartford, May 6.—The ninth annual report on the condition of fraternal insurance societies in Connecticut was submitted to Governor Chamberlain to-day by Theron Upson, the state insurance commissioner. This report forms part 3 of the general report of the commissioner, the other parts which relate to fire and life insurance having been published previously.

There are 41 societies reviewed in the report, one of these, the Mutual Benefit Association for Masons having come under the commissioner's supervision for the first time during 1903. The total business of the 41 societies in the state during the year amounted to \$8,430,284 in certificates issued, and \$842,359.75 in claims paid on 674 deaths; the total business for 1902 over 1902 business of \$465,784 in certificates issued and \$224,449 in claims paid.

At the end of 1902 the total assets of the 40 societies which did business in this state during both 1902 and 1903 amounted to \$26,870,593.19, being an increase over 1902 of \$4,521,474.44; the total liabilities were \$4,943,004.23, an increase of \$792,547.57 since 1902; the total balance to protect contracts was \$21,927,588.93, an increase of \$3,728,926.87 over 1902; the number of members was 2,667,227, an increase of 286,702.

The total amount paid by members in 1903 was \$2,775,133 more than in 1902; the income from all other sources in 1902 was \$65,837.36 less than in 1902; the total income for 1903 exceeded that of 1902 by \$2,700,300.00. The disbursements show that the amount paid to members was \$38,885,554.05, or \$1,864,515 less than in 1902; the amount paid for expenses was \$349,240 greater than in 1902 and the total disbursements were \$2,213,755 greater than in 1902.

The report says, the following societies showed a deficit at the end of 1903:

American Order of Fraternal Helpers, \$3,537.57; Home Circle, \$15,484.33; Knights of Honor, \$133,067.34; National Provident Union, \$4,000.20; United Order of Pilgrim Fathers, \$10,604.40.

The American Order of Fraternal Helpers collected 25 assessments during 1903, amounting to \$36,454.50, averaging \$1,458.18 for each assessment; three similar assessments in 1904, therefore, would more than make up the deficiency.

The Home Circle collected 18 assessments during 1903 amounting to \$129,874.40, averaging \$9,528.80 for each assessment. Two assessments in 1904, therefore, would more than cover the deficiency.

The Knights of Honor collected 12 assessments during last year. These amounted to \$2,981,233.27, averaging \$248,440.27 for each assessment. Therefore one assessment in 1904 would more than cover the deficiency.

Twelve assessments amounting to \$103,485.92, and averaging \$8,623.82, were collected by the National Provident Union during 1903. One assessment in 1904 would more than cover this deficiency. "The proposed examination referred to in my last report," says the commissioner, "and the society's annual statement of December 31, 1903, shows an improved condition of affairs."

The United Order of the Pilgrim Fathers collected 22 assessments for 1903, amounting to \$22,005.17, averaging \$1,000.25 for each assessment. One assessment in 1904 therefore would more than cover the deficiency.

#### RUN DOWN TO DAY.

Miss Moore injured by a Bicycle Rider Near Factory.

Miss Della Moore, sister of John Moore, the meat and fish dealer on Cherry street, was knocked down by a heedless bicycle rider this morning and it was thought for a time that both were seriously hurt. Miss Moore is employed by the Clock Co. and was crossing to the Cherry street entrance of the factory when the bicycle rider, whose identity is not known, ran into her with terrific force that knocked her about ten feet, where she fell unconscious. The bicycle rider was knocked about twenty feet and also was unconscious for a while and blood poured from a cut in his face at such a rate that it was thought he was internally hurt. A pool of blood gathered where he was thrown.

Miss Moore was unconscious for half an hour, but sustained no injury. The bicycle rider also escaped with only the cut on his face which caused so much alarm. The fellow came down Vine street like a cyclone. According to report this was his accustomed speed, but the accident was not unexpected. Was it not believed that he had been seriously hurt he would have got no assistance when he fell, because he was looked upon as a reckless fellow.

#### KNAPPS WILL SUE MR. SCOTT FOR SLANDER

George Knapp, proprietor of the saloon at the entrance to the Driving park, decided this afternoon to bring suit against Henry M. Scott, superintendent of the Sunday school at the Bunker Hill chapel, as a result of the statements which Mr. Scott is said to have made at the meeting of the board of public safety on Tuesday night in regard to Mr. Knapp's saloon being used for immoral purposes.

The suit will probably be for \$5,000 damages. Burpee and Carmody and James M. Lynch are the attorneys for Mr. Knapp.

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## ANOTHER RUSSIAN BLUNDER CHALKED UP

**Russian Army Fought Among Themselves—Japs Landing at Pitsewo Officially Announced—Communication With Port Arthur Will Now be Destroyed—The Japs Are Invading Russian Territory in Several Places Now.**

Tokio, May 6 (noon).—General Kuroki in reporting yesterday tells of a bloody encounter during the Russian retreat on Sunday last when, according to information furnished by a native, a body of Russian infantry 2,000 strong occupying a hill near Teng-Shang-Hong, mistook a detachment of their own infantry about 200 strong, retreating before the Japanese troops, and fought among themselves. In the scuffle 110 were killed and seventy wounded, and the Russian horses were stampeded, leaving their loads of stores behind. According to the story told by a captured Russian officer who participated in the battle on Sunday last, only five or six battalions of Russian infantry and two battalions of artillery were able to retire in order. The other troops ran away in a state of entire confusion.

General Kuroki says that a Japanese patrol consisting of fourteen men reached Teng-Shang-Hong on the 3d instant, when a Russian patrol posted on a hill south of the village attacked them. The Japanese patrol thereupon turned and charged them and after an interlud hand to hand fray the enemy was driven back in the direction of Feng Wang Chan. The Japanese patrol pursued them to a stream three miles southwest of Kaolimen, where Russian sentries were discovered posted on hills on both sides of the road.

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"The first fleet of transports, on seeing our flag displayed on an eminence, began landing troops at 8 p. m. The troops, who were forced to wade ashore, were in high spirits."

"In order to facilitate the further landing of troops piers are being erected. Our division is assisting in the work."

The report of Admiral Kataoka, commander of the third squadron, gives additional details of the landing. The admiral reports that his squadron conveyed the first batch of the second army to the Liao-Tung base and adds that the Kaga-maru grounded near the base at 8 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was assisted by the protected cruiser Akatsushima, which succeeded in floating the transport which reached her destination safely at 5 o'clock the same evening.

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London, May 6.—A dispatch to the Central News from St. Petersburg to-day says the Japanese landed at Port Adams, on the west coast of the Liao-Tung peninsula, as well as at Pitsewo.

Port Adams is situated about fifty miles from Port Arthur, at the head of Society bay, and on the railroad connecting Port Arthur with Mukden and Harbin. Consequently it may be inferred that if the report of a Japanese landing there is correct communication with Port Arthur has been cut off. Pitsewo, on the east coast, where the Japanese have landed, is less than twenty miles from Port Adams.

Che Foo, May 6, 4 p. m.—The expected landing of the Japanese on the peninsula of Liao-Tung commenced yesterday according to reports received here from a reliable Japanese source. It is stated that the landing is being made on the eastern coast of the peninsula opposite the Elliot islands. After a reconnaissance from Takushan south by naval detachments the Japanese concluded that a comparatively small force of Russian cavalry guarded the east coast.

Seoul, Korea, May 5, 8:45 p. m.—fourteen foreign military observers who have been assigned to the first Japanese column have arrived at Chemulpo on the steamer Suminose Maru. The party left Tokyo April 30.

Rome, May 6.—According to a telegram received here from Che Foo, the garrison at Port Arthur has been reduced to 4,000 men, and all the important documents, money and field guns have been removed to Mukden.

Paris, May 6.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from St. Petersburg says the Japanese troops who landed at Pitsewo yesterday have cut the land communications with Port Arthur.

New Chwang, May 6.—It is reported here that the Japanese troops landed yesterday at Pitsewo, on the Liao-Tung peninsula, numbered 10,000 men. Port Arthur, according to reliable information, is well supplied with provisions.

Tokio, May 6 (noon).—The report of Admiral Hosooya, received to-day, gives details of the landing of Japanese troops on the Liao-Tung peninsula, suppressing the location of the landing place. He says:

"Our seventh division, with torpedo boats and the Hong Kong Maru and Nippon-Maru, arrived from the advance base off the Liao-Tung peninsula at 5:30 May 5. Discovering a number of the enemy's patrol, we bombarded them for a short time, and then a landing party of sailors, Captain Nomeno leading, was ordered ashore. It being low tide it was impossible to use the boats and the sailors plunged into the water, waded breast deep for about a thousand yards and reached the beach at 7:20 p. m. Immediately advancing, they took possession of a range of hills without firing a shot and planted our flag on the hills."

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#### NOTICE.

Shutting off of City Water.

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